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## NILES CHAMBER ELECTS OFFICERS

### Meeting Develops Some Live- ly Discussion

The Niles Chamber of Commerce met in regular session last Tuesday evening. What promised a very uneventful meeting turned suddenly into one of those interesting meetings for which the Chamber is noted.

The question of whether or not the organization should approve and adopt the resolutions of the progress and prosperity committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce protesting against Senate Amendment No. 15, was considered. A motion was made by Rev. F. V. Jones to adopt and was seconded by C. Runckel. This called for a vigorous protest on the part of Geo. F. Sullivan who is a strong Greater San Francisco man. C. Runckel advocated the cause of Oakland as did Mr. Jones. The president, J. B. Barnard, opposed the adoption of the resolution. Many of the members pleaded ignorance of the real nature of the amendment and finally avoided the responsibility of an immediate vote on the question by tabling the resolution.

The request of the Niles Fire Commissioners as to the proper expenditure of the money on hand was discussed at some length and finally referred to the good judgment of the Commissioners themselves. The consensus of opinion favored the purchase of a gong in the fire house and more fire hose.

The election of officers for the year then took place. Unlike the one last year it was a good natured affair without contests. In fact the strongest disposition seemed to be to escape office. On the first ballot E. A. Ellsworth was elected president over his competitor, F. V. Jones, and on motion of the latter his election was made unanimous.

P. A. Ellis was elected vice-president, J. E. Jacobus, secretary and M. J. Connors, treasurer.

The election of directors resulted in the selection of the following: Andrew Kell, J. B. Barnard, W. Catlerlin, G. F. Sullivan and A. I. Simpson.

### JOHNSON'S LINCOLN DAY ADDRESS

Governor Johnson's Lincoln Day address was characteristic of the manable and convincing. It must be painful to the worshippers of that ancient fetic, "judicial sanctity," to have the skeleton of the infamous Dred Scott decision paraded by the governor and to be reminded that Abraham Lincoln hesitated not to show that august tribunal up in its true light. There are many who recall the Income Tax decision in Cleveland's administration also.

In our own state the spectacle of a Supreme Judge taking orders from the railroad machine only two years ago in the district convention in our own county has not been entirely forgotten. The manipulation of the grand and trial jury system in our own county might also be exploited to show how the judicial engine trails itself continually in the dust. We may be radical and lacking in appreciation, but we believe those judicial robes need fumigating occasionally. The sulphur bath can be supplied by the people whenever the occasion demands it. Let us have the recall on judges. It may be possible then for men who will act with out fear or favor to be called occasionally on the grand jury of Alameda County. The present system of overlooking really independent citizens may then be changed.

### DEMURRAGE ON CARS REDUCED TO \$3. A DAY

The new State Railroad Commission has reduced the rate of demurrage on unloaded cars from \$6 to \$3 a day. The reduction will favor the railroad and shippers alike but as the patrons of the road have been most affected since the passage of the law, the reduction will work largely in their favor.

### MRS. H. J. TILDEN PASSES TO LAST REST

On last Sunday morning, shortly after seven o'clock the spirit of Mary Jane Tilden left her fragile body, and as she had always looked upon death, so her spirit went home to God who gave it.

For several months past Mrs. Tilden had been failing but spent only one day in bed. During Saturday night, her suffering increased and the Doctor was summoned but before morning she passed into a peaceful sleep to awaken in the great beyond.

The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 24th. Rev. F. V. Jones, in well chosen words gave a very beautiful and comforting talk drawn from the life and character of the deceased.

Mr. H. R. Hunt sang most tenderly the two hymns, Autumn and Naomi, the latter having been especially comforting to Mrs. Tilden in her last days.

There was a profusion of Almond blossoms and many beautiful floral pieces from those near and dear. The interment took place at Cypress Cemetery in Decoto.

Mary Jane Tilden was born in Barre, New York in 1830. In 1850, she married H. J. Tilden, a comrade since childhood. In 1856, with their baby daughter (now Mrs. J. E. Thane of Niles) they came to California and settled at Mokelumne Hill in Calaveras county. Here another member was added to the family circle, Charles Tilden (Major Tilden of Alameda). In 1862 the family came to San Francisco and remained there until 1886 when Niles became their home. Until well along in years, Mrs. Tilden took a fair share of the active work of life, giving liberally of her time and her talents to all public spirited work which in any way could better the condition of humanity. She was an exceptionally well educated and finely cultured woman and the memory of her sweet, quiet and gentle manner has been indelibly stamped on those who knew her and loved her.

Those of her family circle left lonely by her going are, Judge H. J. Tilden, her devoted companion, her son and daughter, Mrs. J. E. Thane of Niles and Major Charles Tilden of Alameda, an adopted daughter, Mrs. Payson of Berkeley, three grandchildren, Bart Thane, Mrs. James Whipple, C. Tilden Jr., and a great granddaughter, Fay Thane.

The funeral services were delayed to await the arrival of the steamer from Alaska on which Bart Thane was expected. He arrived in Niles only five minutes before the time for the services.

### DAVID STARR JORDAN TO ADDRESS LOCAL CLUB

The University of California Club will hold its next meeting at the home of Dr. Willis in Centerville, on March 11th. President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University will be present and will discuss the "Present Moral Problems of Undergraduate Life at the Big Universities Today." The discussion will be an informal one. The club is certainly to be congratulated on the prospect of hearing Dr. Jordan. It is hoped that the club will have the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Phoebe Hearst in the near future.

The civic reading section of the University Club will meet next Tuesday evening at the home of G. W. Wright in Centerville. Discussion of a number of the live problems of today will be had. Among the topics to be discussed are equal suffrage, recall of the judiciary, local option and school legislation. Various members of the section will introduce the subjects after which a general discussion will be had.

### BASKETBALL GAMES ON HIGH SCHOOL COURT

The girls have come back! After their defeat two weeks ago by San Jose High they realized that they needed hard practice. So they set themselves diligently at work, every morning, noon and afternoon, then—last Friday, at 2:30 they met the girls of the Academy department of the University of the Pacific. By playing a consistent game they were decisively victorious over the visiting girls. The score was 23 to 12. Likewise on Saturday afternoon they defeated the Lick School girls with a score of 14 to 8. After this game the boys played with Livermore in one of the closest and most interesting games of the season. It was the deciding game of the C. A. A. L. series. Livermore won, but not without a struggle. They made the deciding points in the last two minutes of play, winning by a score of 17 to 15.

### TELEPHONE COMPANY MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

The Pacific States Telephone Co. is having another toll line put in between Centerville and Hayward. They have also doubled the capacity of the switch board at Niles besides running lines for a number of local extensions.

## WE SHOULD STAND BY OAKLAND

The Press believes that the action of the Niles Chamber of Commerce in delaying action on the protesting against the Wolfe amendment is an unfortunate mistake. If there is any town in Alameda county that ought to stand by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce in its effort to preserve the integrity of the city of Oakland, that town is Niles. No appeal from Niles to the Oakland Chamber of Commerce has ever been in vain. On the other hand every request to that body from the Niles organization has received hearty support.

When the building of the bridge in Niles Canyon was asked last year, a committee from the Oakland Chamber of Commerce helped materially to bring the great improvement about. In the Western Pacific celebration the Oakland body responded most loyally. In many ways the Oakland organization has done much to bring Niles to the front and is doing it to-day.

Looking to the future there are a number of projects of great importance to the people of Niles, to obtain which we must have the endorsement of the people of Oakland. The bridge across Alameda Creek, the proposed State highway through Niles Canyon, the building of the electric road from Hayward to San Jose by the United Properties of Oakland are all projects to secure which we must have the cooperation of Oakland people or Oakland capital.

The least that Niles can do is to support Oakland in her effort to defend her integrity and work out a great future. The people of Niles owe it to themselves to speedily set themselves right in this matter. They should rally at once to the support of the movement which means much to Alameda county. Any other policy would be suicidal. A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce should be held at once to take action on this all important matter.

## MEN'S CONFERENCE AT CENTERVILLE A SUCCESS

The first interdenominational meeting of the men of Washington Township has passed into history. It was the first of its kind in the township and it more than met the expectations of its promoters. Over a hundred men of the township of different creeds, sat about the banquet board at Centerville and listened with the keenest interest and delight. That the meeting was a splendid success was the opinion of all who attended. The banquet which had been supplied by the men of Centerville with the cooperation of the ladies was all that the most fastidious could wish. The addresses were of a high order and held the wapt attention of the gathering until the close. Nothing in the history of the township has ever occurred which will compare in significance with the meeting held this (Friday) evening in Centerville. We are to judge from the many expressions of gratification, the meeting is a forerunner of others to be held. It marks a new and better era in the township and cannot help but prove a stimulus toward better things in the moral and religious life of the community. From start to finish it was conducted on a high plane and reflects the highest credit on all who in any way were responsible for it.

Stevenson's hall, where the banquet was held, never held a finer body of men than those who gathered at this first meeting of the representative men of the township. Seated at the table were a round hundred of men representing every phase of our community life. Seated at the speakers' table were the clergymen of the various protestant churches of the township and the three principal speakers of the evening, themselves representing three different churches.

After the banquet had been disposed of several selections were rendered by the Niles Quartette consisting of Messrs Moyer, Clark, Ellis and Morgan in a most delightful manner.

Rev. W. W. Anderson presided. In a few well chosen remarks he expressed his pleasure at presiding at such a meeting esteeming it a great honor. He introduced as the first speaker, the Rev. E. L. Parsons, pastor of St. Marks Episcopal church of Berkeley, who proved a very entertaining and forceful speaker. His subject was "Ways in which laymen can work in the church." Among other things he emphasized the opportunities of laymen to interest themselves in the business affairs of the church. It ought to be the business of the men and not the women to raise the money for the church. They should strive also to cultivate a stronger social interest among the brotherhood. They should take upon themselves the duties of teaching and help to guide the boys to sturdy manhood. They should

who had been overlooked had not been so intentionally but it was due to the methods of inviting, which another time could be remedied.

On motion of Rev. James Curry of Newark a rising vote of thanks was given to all who had contributed so much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Rev. F. V. Jones gave notice that next year the men of Niles would be glad to entertain a similar gathering.

The assemblage then broke up and on all sides was heard the highest praise for the splendid success of this first meeting of the kind in Washington Township.

F. A. Dew was in Mountain View last Friday.

Mrs. H. A. Mayhew and sister Mrs. Schofield left Thursday morning for Cloverdale to attend the citrus fair and visit friends for two weeks.

Mrs. Raymond returned from Sacramento on Wednesday.

Trinity Guild will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Clara Martenstein.

Winifred Dew went to San Jose last Friday and on Saturday afternoon attended a party given by Mrs. M. E. Clarke in honor of the 10th birthday of her granddaughter, Bonita Clarke.

Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Schofield returned from San Jose Wednesday evening where they attended the "Badgers" reunion.

The Monday afternoon reading club met with Mrs. Mayhew. Interesting papers were read by Miss Grace Ellis subject "Robert Bruce." Mrs. G. H. Hudson gave a talk on Sir Walter Scott, and Mrs. R. H. Hunt gave a review of "The Lady of the Lake." The club is now reading Stoddard's "Lecture on Europe."

G. W. Frick, county superintendent of schools visited the Niles grammar school on Tuesday.

Trinity Guild will meet on next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Emeline Tyson.

Cards are out for a five hundred party to be given by Mrs. P. Ellis and daughter Miss Grace Ellis at 1. O. O. F. hall on Saturday afternoon, March 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Catterlin motored to Oakland Sunday staying until Tuesday sight seeing with Mr. and Mrs. De Mars of Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Runckel were in Oakland Saturday to attend the funeral of little Johnnie Cadwallader Mrs. Runckel's nephew who died on Thursday morning.

Found—Baby coat, on road between Bell Ranch bridge and Whipple's corner. Inquire at Press Office, Niles.

Mrs. M. B. Sneden has been spending the week in San Francisco.

Mrs. Charles Brown and Mrs. Shirley Spence of New York and Miss Maude Tobin of San Francisco were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sneden. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sneden are sisters.

H. L. Scott has purchased the S. B. Thomas place.

G. A. Damon has leased the Petterle place and expects to devote his spare time to raising chickens.

Harry Froeschur and W. R. Jolliffe with a Mr. Heney of Oakland expect to open a steam laundry in Pleasanton in the near future. They have leased the building opposite the Farmer's hotel formerly used by the Bottling works.

Leslie Hall has been out of school this week on account of a very severe cold.

Miss Catherine Dassel spent Wednesday in Haywards with relatives and enjoyed the auto races.

Mrs. F. Hurd visited in Santa Clara Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Coulter were in Oakland on Friday.

Mrs. MacPherson has been on the sick list during the past week.

The Colonial Ball given under the auspices of Social Assembly, United Artisans, on February 21 was a decided social success although not netting the sum of money that was hoped for. A number of ladies appeared in Colonial or fancy costume, and had prizes been awarded. Mrs. G. Simpson and Mrs. J. Easterday would have carried them away so well.

## MASONIC HOME HAS EXERCISES

### Washington's Birthday Observed In Music and Games

In accordance with the plan established by the present management of the Masonic Home, the 179th anniversary of Washington's birthday was appropriately observed last Wednesday evening. The exercises were heartily participated in by the family and the singing and readings were very creditable indeed.

The assembly room was beautifully decorated in the patriotic colors producing a very pleasing effect. The program was purely a Washington program and thoroughly patriotic in character.

The following was the program rendered:

1. Chorus, Birthday of Washington.
2. Reading, The Glory of Washington. Miss M. Sutherland
3. Chorus, Washington's Christmas Party.
4. Reading, Washington's Birthday. Miss M. A. McKinnon.
5. Chorus, "If its Good Enough for Washington its Good Enough for Me".
6. Reading, Washington's Tomb. Wm. W. Whipple
7. Chorus, Hail Columbia.
8. Solo, Miss Mary Jackson.
9. Reading, The Flag of Washington. F. B. Hartman
10. Remarks. C. Runckel
11. Home Chorus, Mount Vernon Bells.

At the conclusion of the exercises the floor was cleared and card playing and other games were in order while others indulged in dancing, the music being furnished by the magnificent piano player recently donated to the home by the San Francisco Masons.

At ten o'clock the residents, together with a few invited guests repaired to the dining room where a very enjoyable time was had. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the character of the speeches made by a number of the family all of whom seemed to vie with one another in their expressions of appreciation of the home life and truly fraternal spirit which now marks the management of the home. Many graceful tributes were paid to the fraternity and to the management. The day marked the second anniversary of the coming of Mrs. M. Noble to the home as matron and she was the recipient of many expressions of praise for her efforts in contributing to the happiness of those assembled. Superintendent F. B. Hartman who has labored so zealously for nearly the same period to bring about a true realization of the lofty ideals which prompted the establishment of a home, certainly deserves the hearty support and commendation of the fraternity throughout the entire state. A visitor to the home under the present administration can not fail to be impressed with the great change that has been wrought in the past two years.

A number of guests were present and joined with the family in one of the happiest gatherings ever held within the halls of the home.

did they represent the dress of Colonial days. The Niles Concert Band furnished the music and the dancers were more than pleased with the excellent music played in such perfect time.

The Ladies Guild of the Niles Congregational church met in the lecture room of the church on Tuesday afternoon. More than twenty were present and were entertained by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Dillard. At the next meeting Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Snyder will entertain.

### WILL LAY CORNER STONE OF THE NILES CHURCH

The ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone of the new \$10,000 church building of the Niles Congregational Church will be held Sunday, March 5th.

The event will mark a new era in the history of the township and a large gathering is expected.



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**BLAZING THE WAY** The wisdom of the movement successfully inaugurated in California by the progressive Republicans of the State to drive the corporations from control of our government has been demonstrated in the beneficial legislation already secured. In addition to the benefit accruing to our people in governmental matters, another important result is sure to be realized. The influence of our State in national politics and on national policies is bound to be much greater. This is particularly true in view of the recent combination of great financial interests to control all the leading railroads to the coast, and also the steamship lines to the Panama canal. While the danger is particularly menacing to California it affects the entire nation in the influence which it will bear to the commerce between the East and the West.

The people of California have done a wise thing to elect an administration which will seriously attempt to control the railroads doing business in this State. At the same time they have strengthened the hands of that element in our national affairs which will do the same for the entire country. California's influence in Washington today does not get its inspiration from the corporations. It is inspired by the determination of an aroused people to control the corporations. Because of this determination our people will stand some chance of securing justice instead of being handed over as the legitimate prey of gigantic combinations of wealth by representatives who looked to the old Herrin machine for their approval.

Our people have little to expect from competition in railroad transportation. Their only hope is to hold check upon the railroads. California by her wise action last year has paved the way to real protection from the exploiting interests behind all the big transportation companies. Not only has she won freedom politically but she is blazing the way for industrial and commercial freedom.

**STROBRIDGE'S RECORD** Senator Ed. Strowbridge of this district is making a splendid record. His record two years ago was excellent. This year so far it is even better. Strowbridge is one of the most conscientious men in the State senate. And while speaking of Strowbridge we are reminded of the assertion made by Senator Cartwright in a speech before the citizens of Fresno last week. Speaking of the local option bill now before the Legislature he said he believed that no matter on which side he voted it would kill him politically. He mentioned Senator Stetson, Holohan and Strowbridge as having held the same opinion of their own future. This was before the vote in the Senate was taken. Strowbridge stood for the County unit proposition and Stetson against it.

We believe that Strowbridge's fearless action has greatly strengthened him in this district. It rounds out a perfect record and will make him invincible in two years from now should he seek reelection. The power in this district is no longer with the liquor interests nor with political bosses, but it is with the people. They will see to it that not only will he not be "killed" politically but he will be rewarded by an increased majority. Our district has every reason to be proud of their Senator. He has been not only negatively good but he has been positively good in the interests of the people.

**RECALL APPLIED TO JUDGES** The application of the principle of the recall to the judiciary has become the foremost question in California politics. The main argument of those who oppose it seems to spring from a distrust of the honesty and discriminating judgment of the people. "Public clamor" and "mob rule" it is feared will render the judges less independent. The main trouble with the present arrangement is that the judges themselves are too independent of the wishes of

the people, especially after election. The sanctity of the judicial machine in California has lost much of its force due to the character of the men who have soiled their judicial robes themselves. The ordinary citizen of this State no longer venerates the bench and it is more than likely that the branch of our government which in the past has too often been the pliant tool of powerful criminal interests will be made to feel that after all the source of all power in a free government rests with the people.

**WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY** Wednesday was the 179th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Although over a century has elapsed since the death of our illustrious patriot, the worth of his patriotic services grows brighter with each passing year. His sacrifices in the cause of human freedom and his devotion to free government made our republic possible. He could easily have turned this country into a monarchy. Reverence for the memory of such a patriot has done much to guide this nation toward its true destiny as the example of free government throughout the world. Its present realization of a gradually expanding freedom and its wonderful future which the most optimistic cannot predict is in a great measure due to the unswerving loyalty to the rights of man of this great soul.

An appreciation of his life cannot fail to strengthen us in our desire to emulate his example and express in our own lives our tender solicitude of the generations to whom we shall bequeath the privileges and responsibilities and hopes of a great free people.

**JUDGE WORKS** Senator John D. Works may not agree with his supporters on the recall of the judiciary. But even his enemies must admit that he is fearlessly honest. We do not agree with the judge on the recall proposition but nevertheless we believe he will make the best representative of the people that California has sent to the United States senate in a generation. The senator may be excused for his zeal in opposing the recall owing to his previous environment as a judge. He certainly has set the present Supreme Court of California in a most enviable light before the people of California. His letter to Speaker Hewitt has done more to bring that august body to a realization of their responsibility to the people than any other man in California.

There is every indication that the California Pressed Brick Co. has a busy year ahead of it. The Ames Manufacturing Co. has received many orders for pumps during the past two months due to the energetic hustling of A. T. Ames. The California Material Co. is greatly increasing its capacity. The California Nursery Co's products are in great demand. Weather conditions indicate good crops for the year. It looks as if Niles is to have one of the best years in its history.

E. A. Dickson, political writer on the Los Angeles Express, is to be private secretary to United States Senator, John D. Works. Dickson was secretary to the Lincoln Roosevelt League two years ago and during the primary campaign last year was one of the best workers for progressive principles in the State. The Press extends hearty congratulations to Mr. Dickson. He certainly deserves recognition.

There is already every indication that the Panama-Pacific Exposition will be the greatest of its kind ever held in the world.

## MEETING NOTICE

Members of Mission Peak Lodge, No. 114, I. O. O. F. please take notice: that on Wednesday evening, March 1st, there will be important business to transact. Please make an effort to be present. Signed, S. B. VANDERVOORT, Rec. Sec.

The Press is turning out the best there is in printing, and its right up-to-date too. Why not come in and get us to show you some of the very latest ideas in the way of invitations, cards, letterheads and posters.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

### IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY.

The Judiciary Committee of the Senate, with barely a quorum and no lobbyists to bother, passed on a number of bills Saturday afternoon and discussed several others. Included in the list of measures acted upon was Assemblyman Clyde Bishop's State song bill.

At first Senators asserted that they would not pass by the State song measure until Senator Caminetti should sing it. A vote of the Committee was taken and resulted in 3 Ayes and 5 Noes.

Action was reconsidered, however, and a decision to recommend the bill was made. Most of the Senators treated the measure as a joke.

The final struggle for the passage of a local option law came in the Senate Monday. The opponents of the Wyllie measure made their principal stand against the county unit, demanding that the township unit be substituted. A second amendment provided for the submission to the electors of a multitude of questions affecting the liquor business; the third dealt with the storing of wines and was not seriously opposed.

Senator Larkins' measure calling for more stringent laws against the setting of fires out of doors received the approval of the Committee. A measure by Senator Bills, which will allow the Lauritzen Transportation Company to sue the State for damage done to real property by reason of the maintenance of the "Newtown Jetties," also was recommended. The Committee named a special Committee to amend Senator Larkins' measure intended to prevent discriminatory sale of lumber.

Senator Stetson's measure, which will bring 18-year-old offenders, instead of up to only 16 years, under the Juvenile Court, received the approval of the Committee. The bill makes several other minor changes in the Juvenile Court law.

Assemblyman Chandler's measure providing for a Cashier and additional clerk in the State Treasurer's office and providing that each deputy shall receive a salary of \$1800 per year was voted upon favorably on Monday. Senator Shanahan's bill providing that an action for trespass shall not lie in case animals stray upon unfenced lands of over 1,000 acres was taken under consideration. Shanahan said that in Siskiyou and Shasta counties, in case the cows and horses of small owners stray upon the lands of T. B. Walker, timber magnate, they are taken up and held by rangers.

Assemblyman Chandler's bill providing for conventions of School Trustees in each county at least once a year passed. The measure provides that one member from each Board of Trustees shall attend the School Trustees conventions and have his expenses paid. The object is to get the Trustees together for the discussion of matters of importance to the schools.

Assembly bill No. 780, Griffin, relating to the organization of irrigation districts, passed.

Assembly bill No. 780, Hamilton, relating to cost of road construction in counties and providing that by a three-fourths vote, the Supervisors may transfer from the general fund money to be used in a road district, passed.

Assembly bill No. 1068, Hewitt, relating to Levee District No. 2, Santa Clara County, passed.

The bill introduced by Assemblyman Bennink, providing for headquarters in the Capitol for the Grand Army of the Republic, passed. It gives the Grand Army headquarters in Sacramento for the Department of California and Nevada.

Assembly bill No. 745, Walker, relating to the payment and enforcement of claims against municipal corporations, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 16, Wilson, was adopted without a negative vote being voiced. It petitions the United States Congress to establish postal savings banks throughout California.

Seven or Seventeen District Bills for the State of California, which will it be? That depends upon which District Fair bill goes through and is signed by the Governor. Assemblyman Wyllie, Dinuba banker, wants seven districts in the State, declaring that is the best way to give the Common People a chance and the only way to interest small farmers.

Sensor Julliard has a bill for the formation of seven districts in which to hold fairs. Julliard's bill is receiving the support of many in the Assembly, while Wyllie's bill has supporters in the Senate, and so it goes.

The real fight will come later, probably by the last of the present week. Harry Polsley's road bill is still two laps ahead of the one introduced by Assemblyman W. F. Chandler.

Polsley's bill, which is on the third reading file was called up and the author offered several minor amendments to it asking that they be taken up separately and passed upon by the Assembly.

It was finally agreed that the amendments would be printed in the Journal and the bill taken up as a special order.

Polsley's and Chandler's measures are on the same subject. The spending of the \$18,000,000 highway bond fund voted by the People at the last election. They both aim at the employment of a highway expert to take charge of the work.

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## Centerville

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church held a regular meeting on Wednesday with the president, Mrs. Wright. Arrangements were perfected for the banquet for the men's conference on Friday night which the Aid had made plans with the executive committee to finish.

Tree planting is going forward with rapid progress. Mr. Antrim Bunting has planted 1,000 Blenheim apricots on Sycamore Farm.

The young people's Guild of St. James church had an interesting and pleasant meeting on Friday afternoon with the vice-president, Miss Dora Blair. Miss Mabel Mathieson is the president, Miss Edna Tyson, secretary and Miss Luella Young, treasurer of the Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stevenson have taken a house in Alameda and will leave Centerville amidst general regret, on the first of March.

It is expected that the reading section of the Country Club will hold the next meeting on Tuesday with Mrs. Werner at Irvington.

Several people have been in town from the southern part of the State looking for real estate.

Frank Dusterberry sports a handsome new Studebaker automobile these days.

Dr. Emerson has sold his place to Mr. Geo. Bontelho, who will have his undertaking establishment and livery stable on the place.

Dr. Emerson will at once build a handsome bungalow on his lot next to Mr. Walter Smith.

Many people from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Tilden who was much beloved by all who knew her.

Born—February thirteenth, at the Errett Sanitarium, Centerville, to the wife of Manuel Rose of Bradford, a baby boy.

## Pleasanton

Miss Mary Simas was a visitor in Oakland this week.

Mr. John Dutra was a visitor in Oakland and San Francisco.

The Leache's have moved from Sunol to their very beautiful home. The Pleasanton grammar school held exercises in memory of Washington last Tuesday afternoon and observed the holiday on February 22nd.

While riding down Main street on last Saturday afternoon on his motorcycle, Chris Winig ran into a dog and was thrown from his wheel. He would have been seriously injured but for a sack that he carried that saved his head from striking the ground. Mr. Winig was not riding fast at the time. A great many dogs have been roving about the town streets and are causing a number of accidents of this kind.

Mr. and Mrs. Crellin were among the visitors to San Francisco Friday.

Mrs. E. Farno visited her husband here for a few days this week. Mrs. Luther Rood substituted for Miss Powell on Monday and Tuesday at the grammar school. Miss Powell being unable to attend her duties on account of sickness.

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## TIME TABLE WESTERN PACIFIC

Passenger Arriving at Niles

### WESTBOUND

No. 9. Capital Flyer.....11.08 a. m.

No. 7. Local Pass.....2.27 p. m.

No. 1. Overland.....7.23 p. m.

### EASTBOUND

No. 8. Local Pass.....10.23 a. m.

No. 10. Capital Flyer.....5.43 p. m.

No. 4. Overland.....9.01 p. m.

## S. P. R. R. TIME TABLE

### NILES

From Oakland and San Francisco.

Leave Oak. Pier

2.40 a. m. Pass. M. T.

11.27 p. m. San Jose

7.07 p. m. San Jose

5.48 p. m. San Jose

5.07 p. m. Liv. & Fresno

4.27 p. m. Stockton

3.10 p. m. San Jose

2.05 p. m. Centerville

1.18 p. m. San Jose

9.29 a. m. Sacramento

8.07 a. m. Stockton

7.07 a. m. San Jose

For Oakland and San Francisco.

Leave Niles

5.38 a. m. San Jose

6.21 a. m. San Jose

6.58 a. m. Livermore

7.50 a. m. San Jose

11.37 a. m. Stockton

1.07 p. m. San Jose

2.36 p. m. Sacramento

5.10 p. m. San Jose

6.13 p. m. Stockton

## Alvarado

A marriage license was issued this week to Joseph Pieixotto and Mary J. Duarte both of Alvarado.

The Alvarado foundry conducted by Fred Kiehholz is installing the cupola formerly used by the old foundry at Union City.

Mrs. F. Carstenson and family have returned to Napa after a year's residence in Alvarado.

Manuel Avilla is out again in his Metz machine. He has recently had it painted and the painter certainly made a good job of it.

The Japanese poolroom is being remodeled for use as a Japanese laundry.

The John Vargas house on the Centerville road has been completed by Contractor, O. J. Emery.

Joe Flores and John Simas made a successful trial trip this week on the way with the new gasoline launch which they recently constructed.

John S. Silva will move his family to Decoto as soon as his new residence there is completed.

Miss Flornece Blair of Centerville was the guest last Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scribner.

Robert Blacow, assistant cashier at the Bank of Alameda County, has so far recovered from his recent operation as to be able to resume his duties at the bank.

Miss Katherine Smith of Sacramento is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Smith.

Chris Skow and wife visited their folks at Russel City Saturday and Sunday.

The O. B. Barth family spent Saturday at San Francisco.

Arve Smith of San Francisco visited his mother at Alvarado Sunday.

Miss Annie Lowrie spent Friday in the city and returned Saturday to attend the party given by Mrs. T. E. McCarty in honor of her daughter, Miss Jennie McCarty.

At a pleasant party given last Saturday by Mrs. T. E. McCarty, the engagement of her daughter to Gus Rutherford was announced. Miss McCarty is one of Alvarado's most popular young ladies. The groom is the agent Southern Pacific agent of the place.

Miss E. Crocker and Ted Woodward of Oakland were here Saturday to attend the announcement party of Miss Jennie McCarthy.

Fred Hoffner, an employe at the Alameda Sugar Co's factory, is laid up with an attack of sciatica rheumatism.

Everett Richmond of San Francisco was here Saturday on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

A very pleasant birthday party was tendered E. A. Richmond Jr. on Wednesday evening. Being Washington's birthday also, the affair took on a patriotic turn, the ladies wearing caps and kerchiefs and the gentlemen button hole bouquets of cherries. The evening was spent in playing Five Hundred, Miss Millie Nauert winning the ladies prize and G. Rutherford the prize for gentlemen. Over thirty people were in attendance and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

While driving home last Saturday afternoon, dairyman Zussiz was thrown out of his buggy, but fortunately escaped serious injury. A clip on a shaft broke, frightening the horse which ran away, throwing Mr. Zussiz out.

Mrs. M. Ten and family of Newark were the guests of Mrs. W. Robie, M. Muller's mother, on last Saturday and Sunday.

The lime works of T. C. Judkins recently destroyed by fire are being built on a much larger scale.

A. P. Silva and J. V. Caldeira are on the sick list.

Geo. Hellwig was in the city on Tuesday.

Four men in the employ of Henry Crosby were thrown into a ditch one day this week as a result of an overturned rig in which they were riding to work. The horse they were driving became frightened at a handcar and became unmanageable. None of the men were hurt, but the wagon was considerably damaged.

The Alvarado Whist Club met on Thursday evening of this week.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton spent Tuesday and Wednesday in San Jose with relatives.

Miss Anna Beebe of Lakeport is spending a few days with Mrs. S. Beebe.

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## Newark

Last Thursday evening at Watkins hall the Chamber of Commerce called a mass meeting of town people and made a proposition to pay for a hook and ladder truck, buckets, axes, etc., if the people would organize a fire department and the act was ratified. Louis Ruschin was elected fire chief. He then took charge of the meeting and appointed two assistants, Roger Dorgan and Ray Cutter. They adopted bylaws submitted by a committee and elected the following officers: Otto Schlessinger, secretary; S. A. D. Buchanan, treasurer; F. Falk, W. Caldeira and George Wales as trustees. They decided to give their first annual ball on March 17th. The meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the chief.

Miss Gladden was a recent visitor in the city.

Mrs. Jas. Chamberlin spent Monday in Oakland with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Stevenson and son William of Oakland were visiting with relatives in town Sunday.

Miss Emma Wales has taken Jas. Spencer's place on the rural route for a few weeks.

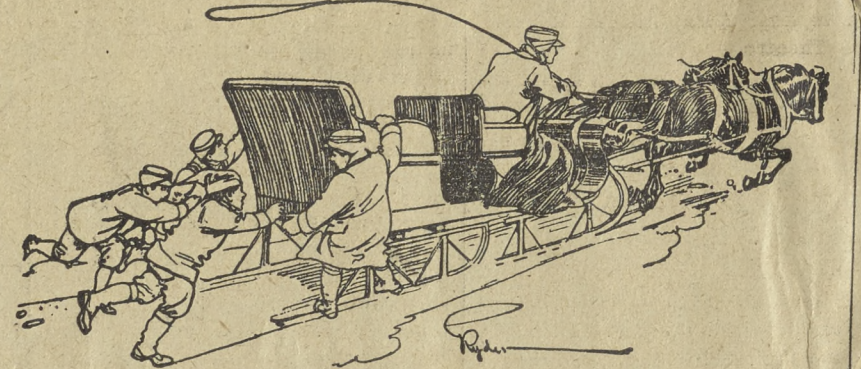
Mr. Geo. Finney of San Francisco was the guest of Miss Clara Gladden Sunday.

Mr. Russell Walsh spent Sunday with his folks in San Francisco.

## ALVISO

A private masquerade was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferreira. Sixty guests were present in costumes and enjoyed the evening, which proved to be one continuous round of pleasure. Dancing and music were the main features of the evening.

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## Irvington

The California Society of Chicago recently gave a dinner to the Honorable Julian W. Mack, associate Judge of the Commerce Court. W. W. Durham of the committee of arrangements sent an invitation to his friend Mr. J. E. Wamsley. "Judge Mack is a former Californian and has always taken a keen interest in all things pertaining to California." The different organizations in the various cities of California, in honor of the event, are sending fruits, vegetables, wines, provisions and decorations for this banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are entertaining guests from San Francisco.

Mrs. Wood of San Jose is visiting her daughters, Mrs. A. Hirsch and Mrs. E. N. Babb.

Miss Irene McKelvey is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Montross.

Miss Julia Lutz and Miss Inez Heacock have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Lutz in Irvington.

Mr. N. Hirsch and Ed Rix were in San Francisco Thursday. They went to hear Miss Lutz at the Empress Theatre.

Mr. T. D. Witherly and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and friends were among those who drove to the races on Wednesday.

Bill Rasmussen is now able after some time to lay his crutches aside and to do fairly well without them.

Have you bought your new hat for the spring season? See Miss Strilling's up-to-date line of millinery.

Mr. L. Hamilton will spend Saturday in Modesto.

Miss Gertrude Simpson left Tuesday for Cloverdale where she will visit her sister and will also enjoy the Citrus Fair to be held there this week and next.

Miss Mard is the guest of Oregon relatives in San Francisco this week.

E. N. Babb, J. Furtado, J. Chadbourn and wife, O. N. Hirsch, Ed Rix and J. Wix autoed to the races Wednesday.

E. Simpson spent a few days in Irvington this week.

Mr. C. P. Worshan of Oakland, son of Mrs. E. Niehaus formerly of Centerville, died at Fabiola Hospital on February 20, after a prolonged illness. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mary Lutz is filling a week's engagement at the Empress Theater in San Francisco. Miss Lutz has certainly scored a success in this engagement for on last Friday night the stage was one mass of flowers, tokens of appreciation from those in the audience, and so insistent were they to hear Miss Lutz again that the management waived the usual rule "no encore" and after caressing her flowers Miss Lutz played again. The management has tried to secure her services for an additional week, but Miss Lutz has declined the offer.

Mrs. J. Lory was summoned to Concord this week owing to serious illness of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Lory are contemplating a trip to Europe very shortly.

Miss Gallindo went to Palo Alto last week to see her sister, Mrs. Weston who is quite ill.

## Decoto

Two carloads of machinery for the Oakland Paving Brick Co. arrived Thursday and in a few days the big paving crane is expected. As soon as it arrives and is installed active work of the plant will begin. The company will first burn the brick for their big kiln. It is expected the plant will be in operation by the middle of March. The work of grading for a spur from the Southern Pacific is now in progress.

Quite a number of Decoto people took in the auto races Wednesday.

Roy Mendenhall of Pleasanton has been in Decoto this week assisting in the work of building his new cottage which is rapidly nearing completion.

An important meeting of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce will be held next Monday evening. A good attendance is hoped for.

Word was received this week from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Salz who are in Egypt. Before returning they expect to visit Asia Minor, Turkey and the birth place of Mr. Salz in Bohemia.

The dance given by the Decoto Brass Band last Saturday night was a delightful success, a large crowd being in attendance. The supper was served at the Decoto House and landlord Dillon won the highest praise for the excellent table that was set.

## TERSE CALIFORNIA NEWS

Antonio Lozano, Mexican Consul at Los Angeles, has prepared a protest to be presented to the Federal authorities, alleging repeated violations of the neutrality laws in that city. The charge is made that the present insurrection force at Mexicali is largely maintained by funds supplied from there and that many recruits have been sent from Los Angeles to Mexico. Senor Lozano also charges that a paper is being published there in the Spanish language which openly espouses the cause of the insurgents.

Native Sons of the bay district will assemble in thousands next Wednesday afternoon to march in the grand parade which has been arranged as an introduction to the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the order's new building, to be erected on Mason street, near Geary street, San Francisco.

The people of Cloverdale are busy with the preparation of the exhibits for the nineteenth annual exhibit of the Cloverdale Citrus Fair Association, which opens Tuesday evening, Wednesday, Washington's birthday, will be Santa Rosa day, and the big day of the fair.

That the Southern Pacific Railroad will begin work on the great tunnel to be run under the Sierra Nevada between Cisco and Donner very soon was learned in Auburn from authentic sources. A party of engineers who are engaged on the cut-off work will be in Auburn for several months at least. From this it is supposed that Auburn will be the head office.

The Home Industry League inaugurated "Made in California" week, on Monday, the purpose of which is to bring forcibly to the attention of the buying public the fact that California is producing all the necessities and most of the luxuries of life, and to emphasize the fact it is the duty of every loyal Californian to patronize home industries. For six days the demonstration of home products will continue, and it will be the greatest show of its kind ever seen in San Francisco. Solid blocks of stores in the downtown district will have their shop windows stocked with only State products, and in the larger stores big displays will be made on the floors, each bearing a card inscribed with pertinent facts regarding the annual losses to the State through the purchase of goods imported from the East and from foreign countries.

The Hood rubber mills, in East Watertown, Mass., have been shut down until February 27th because of a lack of orders. The company's employees maintain once operations are resumed, the Boston cotton mills at Watertown, Mass., have 1000 hands idle, the result of a strike of seven men for an advance of wages.

## GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

Coming on the heels of two seasons of drouth and a Winter that has been the driest in sixteen years, the snows and rains of last week throughout the whole of New Mexico mean an unparalleled good season the coming Summer. It is still snowing west and southwest of Albuquerque, N. M. Bernalillo, Grant, Guadalupe and Sierra counties are thoroughly soaked. The mountains and high ranges are all covered with from one to three feet of snow. The snow is general over northern Arizona, with rain in the southern part, assuring a good season in that territory. Dry farmers, who were driven out by the drought, are beginning to come back.

George L. (Tex) Rickard sailed for Brazil from New York. He said he was bound for Argentina to see what he might do in the cattle and sheep business and in the development of mining properties. "I am through forever with the fight game. There is nothing in it," he said.

If San Francisco is to be represented at the international exposition at Turin, which will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of United Italy, the exhibit must be on the ground by March 31st. Such has been the declaration of the officers of the United States Commission at Washington. The date of the opening is April 29th, and no assurance, as to the possibility of obtaining an extension of time could be given.

## IMPORTANT FOREIGN NEWS

A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says a rumor is current that a whole army corps of 36,000 men is preparing to re-occupy Kulja, a district of Chinese Turkestan.

The Chinese Government displays the keenest anxiety over Russia's threatened military demonstration in Illi province, but nevertheless it may not comply with the demands set forth in the note from St. Petersburg until a show of force takes some of the sting out of its humiliation. It is believed in Peking that, even should China acquiesce, Russia would not accept her promise, but would insure its fulfillment by occupying certain points in Chinese Turkestan. The Foreign Board states that it asked the Russian Minister for a more explicit statement of the demands. The reply of the old diplomatist was that his Government had been most explicit.

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Miss M. Meyers of Niles called on friends on Saturday.

Mrs. S. Ehrman enjoyed a several days visit with San Francisco relatives.

Mr. Ford of San Francisco spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Pous visited in San Francisco during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernal drove from Pleasanton on Tuesday.

Miss Barmby of Oakland was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. R. Enos is visiting in Livermore.

Master D. J. McGinley of San Jose is visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Sunderer.

Joe Maguire is spending the week here.

Miss Lucy Rose is enjoying a visit in San Francisco.

Max Sigrist of San Francisco is spending several days here.

The school observed Washington's birthday on Tuesday by having appropriate exercises.

Mr. C. Steyer is visiting in San Francisco.

The committee are busy with the final arrangements for the masquerade to be held on Saturday night.

Quite a number attended the automobile races in San Leandro on Wednesday.

Rev. Father Mackey is visiting his brother in Mexico.

Mr. Bart Byrne of San Francisco is visiting his cousin Mrs. J. Mendoza of Sunol.

Miss Annie Driscoll was a visitor in Irvington during this week.

Mrs. Roumequero, and daughter Lunetta returned from San Francisco on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mendoza left for San Francisco on Wednesday to attend the wedding of their cousin Miss M. Byrne of Mr. J. Casey of San Francisco.

## IRVINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

The open meeting of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce last Thursday evening proved to be a very successful affair. The get-together spirit has certainly struck Irvington as was thoroughly demonstrated at the meeting. Speeches were made by Rev. W. W. Anderson, Supervisor Elmer, J. E. Wamsley and others. Isaac Whitfield and H. Lachman of the Mission Chamber of Commerce were present and told what the Mission Chamber had already accomplished and what they hoped to accomplish in the future. They congratulated the citizens of Irvington on their enterprise and predicted a bright future for the organization.

A committee consisting of E. N. Babb and T. D. Witherly was appointed to arrange for the furnishing of the new library and club room.

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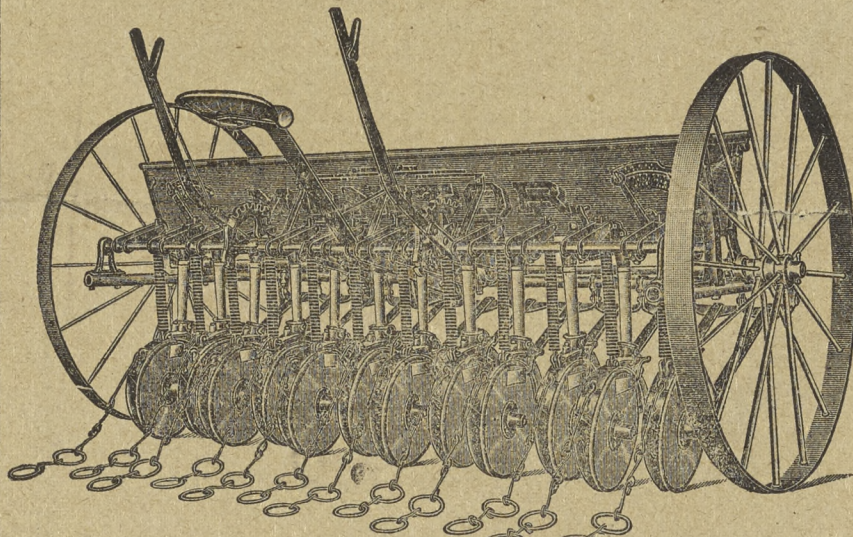
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